



# Meeting Notes

## Landscape Focus Group Meeting

**9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

APS Conference Room, 101 West Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Gary Nelson at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Ed Larsen, City of Flagstaff  
Craig Watkins  
Karl Eberhard, City of Flagstaff  
Nigel Sparks  
Elaine Averitt, City of Flagstaff  
Ellen Ryan  
Gary Nelson  
Melinda Klatzker  
Cheryl Edgar  
Randy Groth, City of Flagstaff  
Pam Symond

2. Recap of Focus Group Purpose

Mr. Ed Larsen updated the Group on the discussion of the last meeting and informed them that they were to discuss the key issues identified and decide how to categorize them. These were categorized in the following groups:

**RESOLVED ISSUES:**

1. Engineering Standards with Zoning Codes.
2. Xeriscape – hierarchy (zoning areas)
3. Continued Maintenance (in city code – Utilities)
  - Noxious weeds
  - Chemical use – affects others – storm water
4. Sustainable

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

1. How buffers work/ conflict with Regional Plan – mixed use goals – opacity
2. Quality vs quantity – How to do? Peer Review
3. Beautification (?)
4. Water conservation - et al
  - Education of water conservation
5. Planting standards – ground covers – turf/soil depth- staggering – gravel
6. Community gardens “edible”
7. Form Based/transects
8. Consistency
9. Street trees (snow removal coordination)
10. Plant units (large vs small)
11. Parking lots – landscaping
12. Sustainable

NOT APPLICABLE:

1. Restriction on water (policy?)
2. Hydro – seed mix (Eng. Standards)
3. Water Police “policy”

NEW ITEMS:

1. Restrictions on products.

Mr. Larsen asked the Group to focus on the issues identified and to review and rate the top five (5) issues before the next meeting.

Other Business:

There was a suggestion that the Group on their own travel throughout the City and take pictures of the different types of landscaping for discussion at the next meeting. A more in depth discussion of Transects was also requested for the benefit of the Group. There was concern expressed about the lack of citizen participation within the Group and several suggestions were made such as sending out reminders through email; personal invitations and by word of mouth, to gain more participation especially by those individuals involved with landscaping within the City of Flagstaff.

3. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
4. Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.